

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-20, and 22 are currently pending. Claims 1, 6, and 8 have been amended. Claims 7 and 21 have been cancelled. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 13-20 and 22 are allowable and claims 6-12 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 6 and 8 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 1. As such, claims 6 and 8 are in a condition for allowance. In addition, claims 9-12 depend from claim 8 and are also allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over Round (U.S. Patent no. 5,720,251).

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 7, which the Examiner indicated was allowable. As such, claim 1 is allowable. In addition, claims 2-5 depend from claim 1 and are also allowable.

The rejection of claim 21 is moot in light of Applicant's cancellation of claim 21.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6, 8-20, and 22 are allowable.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

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